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Title : Bioprecursors of a Retinoic Derivative and Pharmaceutical and/or Cosmetic Compositions

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Examiner : Devesh KHARE, Esq.

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, a Final Rejection, dated October 21, 2003, the applicants comment as follows:

**R E M A R K S**

The applicants acknowledge the Examiner's Final Rejection with appreciation. Claims 16-22 and 24-33 remain under consideration. The Office maintains its rejection of Claims 16-22 and 24-30 and rejects Claims 31-33 for Obviousness under 35 USC § 103(a) based on Bollag, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,565,863) in view of von Deesen, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,126,500).

In the Response to Arguments, the Office states that "*applicant has not demonstrated any criticality or unexpected result, which stems from selection of*